



MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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*Moving Milwaukee County FORWARD Together*

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Child Welfare  
Partnership Council

## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

Dear Friends,

With the holiday season upon us once again, I hope it finds you and your family both happy and healthy. It has been another eventful year. We have completed some very positive and successful projects. It has also been a challenging year for me. All of us have unwanted stressors in our lives and the holidays are a time when you realize what is most important. For me, it is family. As many of you know, I lost my wife, Marcie, in July. This newsletter features a special dedication to her that I am proud to share with you in her memory. As I continue my work on your behalf, I send you this newsletter highlighting the successes I have worked hard to accomplish as your representative on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

It has been a great privilege to serve you over the past 3 ½ years. I ran in 2012 to provide you representation that was clearly lacking from my predecessor, including the need for the 9<sup>th</sup> District to receive its fair share from the tax dollars that we send to Milwaukee County. Our county roads were in disrepair and crumbling and our parks were neglected. Since my election, I have worked hard to make us whole by allocating funding for projects, such as fixing 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Oak Creek, North Cape Road and 68<sup>th</sup> Street in Franklin, as well as St. Martins Road, which will be reconstructed next year. Over the past year, I dedicated considerable time and energy to maintain and improve the Hales Corners Pool. Feeling that the closing of the pool was imminent, I secured \$525,000 in funding in last year's budget for a new pool liner and a pool house roof that will keep the pool open for future generations of families. And, this spring, I sponsored a resolution that kept the wading pool open for the 2015 summer season.

I am thankful for the opportunity to be your elected representative on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. There is more work to be done and I am committed to continue working hard for you. As always, please feel free to contact my office with any interests or concerns you may have.

It is an honor to serve you. Together, with your help, I am certain we can continue to make the needed changes that help Move Milwaukee County Forward.

All My Best!

Supervisor Steve F. Taylor, 9<sup>th</sup> District

## Be Sure To Stay In Touch!

Please contact my office by using the "Contact Supervisor Taylor" form located on my website ([www.county.milwaukee.gov/Taylor](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/Taylor)). Fill out all the provided fields and submit your question – we will receive it immediately. It is quick, easy and saves you the cost of postage or a phone call. Feel free to contact my office and offer comments regarding any matter concerning Milwaukee County. Additionally, you may use this form to sign up for my e-newsletter "Privileged to Serve." The newsletter contains useful information pertaining to my service on the County Board, including highlights of major events, legislation and much more. You may also e-mail me directly to sign up for the e-newsletter.

# In the Community

## Ensuring The Well-Being of Milwaukee County Residents

### Sup. Taylor Visits Park's Edge Preschool



On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Taylor accepted a gracious invitation from director Ellen Kvalheim and paid a visit to Park's Edge Preschool in Hales Corners for a fun-filled day of learning, reading and eating with the young students. "Mister Steve", as he was referred to by the students, shared story time with the Sunshine Room Group (three year-olds) and the Fantastic Frogs (four year-olds) before enjoying a honey ham and cheese sandwich and fruit and vegetable lunch with the Shining Stars (four and five year-olds). He then toured Park's Edge and the adjoining Emanuel United Church of Christ, exploring the school's security camera system and recent \$20,000 improvement to its toddler and infant environment.

Park's Edge is located at 10627 West Forest Home Avenue. It strives to create a safe, healthy, loving, Christian preschool and child care environment for children, staff and parents. It is celebrating its 16<sup>th</sup> year as an outreach program of Emanuel UCC, and in 2010, was awarded accreditation by the National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs (NAC).

### Sup. Taylor Appointed to the Child Welfare Partnership Council

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Governor Scott Walker appointed Supervisor Taylor to the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council. The Council serves as an advisory body to the State of Wisconsin regarding child welfare services in Milwaukee County. It is responsible for recommending policies and plans for child welfare initiatives in the county, as well as recommending future funding priorities and innovative public and private mechanisms for designated child welfare programs.

### Oak Leaf Trail Chain Cutting



On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Supervisor Taylor joined County Executive Chris Abele, County Parks Director John Dargle, WISPARK President Jerry Franke, Oak Creek Alderman Ken Gehl and Oak Creek City Administrator Jerry Peterson for a ceremonial "bike chain cutting" of a mile-long extension to the Oak Leaf Trail in Oak Creek. This mile-long walking and biking path connects gaps in the trail along South Howell Ave. near the OakView Business Park in southern Oak Creek. It will connect the existing trail along Howell Ave. to Elm and Oakwood roads.

### Milwaukee County 2015 Senior Citizen Hall of Fame



*Supervisor Taylor speaks at the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame luncheon at the Italian Community Center earlier this year.*

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Milwaukee County Department on Aging held its 18<sup>th</sup> annual Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Award ceremony. As a member of the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging, Supervisor Taylor attended the event, where six outstanding seniors from Milwaukee County were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Inductees have demonstrated distinguished volunteer service of an educational and/or humanitarian manner; exceptional contributions to improving the lives of others regardless of race, creed or religion; and service in advocacy of Wisconsin's senior citizens.

Stephanie Sue Stein, the County's longtime Department on Aging director, was also honored. She retired in June. The Commission on Aging appoints a committee to review nominations for the Hall of Fame Award. This committee then recommends a group of seniors from the applicants to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Congratulations to the 2015 Senior Citizen Hall of Fame inductees!



# In the Community

## Milwaukee County 2016 Budget Analysis

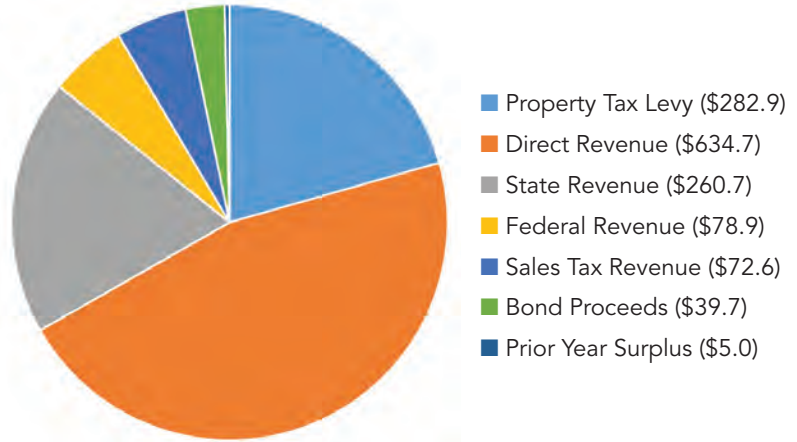
On October 1<sup>st</sup>, County Executive Chris Abele delivered his 2016 Milwaukee County recommended budget to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. The 2016 recommended budget calls for total expenditures of \$1,374,746,605, an increase of over \$37 million over the 2015 budget, or a 2.77% increase. The recommended property tax levy stays flat at \$282,985,125.

Direct revenue is Milwaukee County's largest revenue source (\$634.7 million), followed by the tax levy (\$282.9 million). State shared revenue also stands at \$260.7 million.

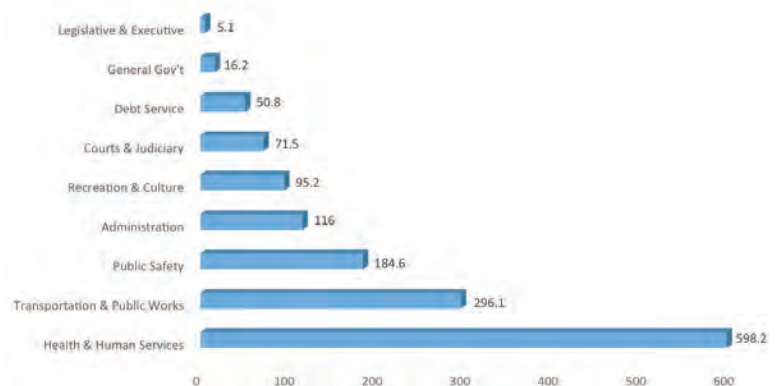
As of this writing, the Board's Finance, Personnel & Audit Committee is deliberating and amending the proposed budget. Health & Human Services is Milwaukee County's largest expenditure at \$598.1 million. Of this amount, \$303 million would be allocated for the Family Care Managed Care Organization. Transportation & Public Works totals \$290.3 million -- \$163 million would be allocated for the Milwaukee County Transit System. Public Safety, which includes the Sheriff's Department, amounts to third-largest proposed budget allocation at \$183.7 million.

The proposed budget will be amended by the Milwaukee County Supervisors and adopted on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Possible vetoes will be considered on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

2016 Proposed County Budget (in millions)



Milwaukee County Expenditures (in millions)



## 9<sup>th</sup> District Event Photos



Supervisor Taylor speaks to Edgerton Elementary students at Boerner Botanical Garden's annual Arbor Day event in April.



Supervisor Taylor and former Supervisor Mark Borkowski enjoy a Sprecher beer at Froemming Park's Sprecher Brewing Co. Traveling Beer Garden keg tapping on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

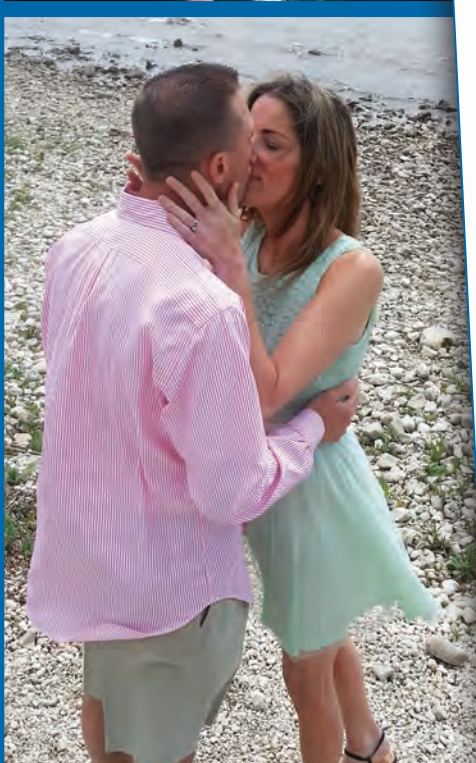


Supervisor Taylor, along with Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens President Ellen Hayward, and his mother Joan, attended Boerner's annual "In the Gardens" fundraiser on June 12<sup>th</sup>.



Supervisor Taylor and Eagle Scout Ethan Meyer, as Sup. Taylor presents him with an honorary citation in January 2015.





## Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, Marcie Teuteberg Taylor was the cherished daughter of Kathleen and the late Henry Teuteberg, sister of Douglas and Matthew Teuteberg, and proud mother of Jonathan Joseph Mei (JJ); and

WHEREAS, Marcie attended Oconomowoc High School and continued her education at Saint Mary's University in Minnesota where she majored in Spanish and Criminal Justice, became captain of the tennis team, and proud member of Theta Phi Alpha sorority; and

WHEREAS, Marcie possessed a strong passion for business and utilized her talents and skills in organizations throughout the greater Milwaukee region, having been President of InMedical Inc., Operations Manager at Staffing Resources Inc., Operations Manager of Wisconsin Community Services, and Director of Favorite Healthcare Staffing; and

WHEREAS, Marcie supported the Military Officers Association of America, Homeless Veterans, and organizations related to health, animal welfare, and disaster relief; and

WHEREAS, Marcie and Supervisor Steve F. Taylor wed in the spring of 2013; and

WHEREAS, Marcie believed in public service, always wearing her Milwaukee County lapel pin along with her stylish apparel; and

WHEREAS, Marcie had a sparkle in her eyes that people always remembered; and

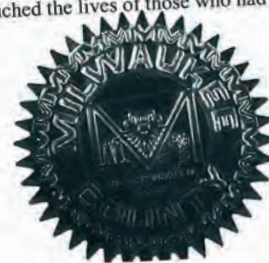
WHEREAS, Marcie had a kind-hearted and composed demeanor that reflected the beauty of the light in her heart; and


WHEREAS, Marcie was committed to her family and friends and adored both her son JJ and her loving husband Steve; and

WHEREAS, Marcie passed from this life into eternal rest at the age of 42; and

WHEREAS, Marcie leaves to mourn with her passing her surviving family and friends; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, on the motion of Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Supervisors Deanna Alexander, Mark A. Borkowski, Gerry P. Broderick, Eddie Cullen, Jason Haas, Willie Johnson Jr., Patricia Jursik, Theodore Lipscomb Sr., Michael Mayo Sr., Supreme Moore Omokunde, Khalif Rainey, Peggy A. Romo West, James "Luigi" Schmitt, Anthony Staskunas, Martin Weddle, John F. Weishan Jr. do herewith express profound sorrow at the passing of Marcie, a friend to the community who has left a legacy of success and service, who was a role model to many and touched the lives of those who had the privilege to know her.



  
Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman  
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
July 2015



Please join us for a  
**Tree Dedication**  
in loving memory of  
**Marcie Taylor**



**Wednesday, October 14**  
4:30 p.m.

**Boerner Botanical Gardens**  
9400 Boerner Dr., Hales Corners





# In the Community

## 9<sup>th</sup> District Events & Updates

### Whitnall Park Rotary Path Dedication



The dedication for the ADA-accessible Boerner Botanical Gardens Rotary Path was held on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Construction on this project, which leads from Boerner's Herb Garden to the Bog Walk, began in December 2014 and concluded earlier this summer. The new pathway makes the Gardens more accessible to all population groups and also displays some practical "green" initiatives. Supervisor Taylor, along with County Executive Chris Abele, Friends of Boerner President Ellen Hayward, and Jack Williams from the Whitnall Park Rotary Club, spoke at the dedication.



### Alyson Dudek Ice Center Groundbreaking



On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Taylor, along with members of the Friends of Hales Corners Park, celebrated the long-awaited ceremonial groundbreaking of the Alyson Dudek International Ice Center at Hales Corners Park. The Ice Center is named in honor of Hales Corners native and 2010 Olympic short-track speed skating bronze medalist Alyson Dudek. Plans for the Ice Center include the 8,400 sq. ft. Reiman Rink and the Holz Family Shelter. The 48-by-20 foot open-air shelter will include a heated concessions area, heated restrooms and open space. It will also include overhead lighting to accommodate skaters during nighttime hours. This ADA-accessible facility will connect asphalt walking paths from the parking lot to the pavilion. The Ice Center aims to provide Hales Corners residents with a safe, free ice skating rink for kids and families that otherwise may be inactive during the winter months. The Milwaukee County Board approved the construction of the permanent ice center in September 2014. The Friends of Hales Corners Park raised about \$230,000 to cover construction of the project.

### North Cape Road & St. Martins Road Construction Updates

Earlier this year, Milwaukee County completed a reconstruction of S. North Cape Rd. The northern portion of the reconstruction took place between April and July. The southern portion began in mid-July and, as of this writing should be completed shortly. Milwaukee County is planning to transfer jurisdiction of North Cape Road to the City of Franklin next fall, in conjunction with the street's reconstruction. Milwaukee County will be reconstructing St. Martin's beginning in April 2016, concluding by the end of September 2016 with the transfer of the road to the City of Franklin in 2017.

### Milwaukee County Redistricting Reform

Supervisor Taylor has drafted a resolution that will alter the way Milwaukee County changes its district map. The resolution follows the model of a number of redistricting commissions from across the country. It will transfer the power of restricting out of the hands of self-interested lawmakers and incumbents to an Independent Citizen Redistricting Panel, comprised of eight appointees of local judges, university deans and chairs and public interest and policy groups. Supervisor Taylor believes this is a common-sense reform that will help to restore faith in the County's redistricting procedure.

# In the Community

## Honoring 9<sup>th</sup> District Businesses & Organizations

### South Suburban Chamber of Commerce

#### 2014 Business of The Year: Dental Associates



From left: Former Sup. Borkowski, Dr. Ronald Gundlach, Sup. Taylor

The South Suburban Chamber of Commerce named Dental Associates the 2014 Business of the Year during the annual awards ceremony. In 2014, Dental Associates opened a state-of-the-art dental center in Franklin

and immediately began providing a range of family dental services. With a clear focus on delivering excellent care that is affordable, accessible and personalized, Dental Associates pursues its mission to improve the quality of life of their patients through excellence in oral health care.

#### 2014 Pride in Premises Award: The Rock Sports Complex

The Rock Sports Complex was awarded with this year's Pride in Premises award.

As a former land-fill and neglected ski hill the site was transformed by Zimmerman Ventures Inc. With \$7 million invested, the former ski hill now has six baseball fields, BMX Biking facilities, an upgrading of the ski hill and the Midwest's best Umbrella Bar.



From left: Former Sup. Borkowski, Thomas Johns, Sup. Taylor

The Rock Sports Complex was built to appeal to a mix of audiences and it provides a variety of activities such as biking, snow tubing, skiing, snowboarding, concerts, sporting events and family movie nights.



### The Rock Sports Complex

Since 2012, Milwaukee County Parks and the Rock Sports Complex have been partners in the improvement and development of the property formerly known as Crystal Ridge in Franklin. The Rock Sports Complex completed Phase 1 of its initial plans and is now looking to amend its Phase 2 plans that had been previously approved.

The Rock is unveiling plans to develop a year-round indoor sports facility and an outdoor baseball park facility. The preliminary design also includes a hotel and a mixed-use development. Under the current Operating Agreement, all structures built on County property at the Rock Sports Complex become owned by Milwaukee County Parks.

### Wehr Nature Center 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Wehr Nature Center celebrated 40 years of connecting people with nature in December 2014. Nestled in a 220-acre Whitnall Park natural area, Wehr Nature Center has grown since its inception into an award-winning nature center that is widely considered the heart of the Milwaukee County Parks System and is nationally recognized for its outstanding nature programs, teacher training, astronomy and family-oriented activities.



As a proponent of Wehr and its programming, Supervisor Taylor had the opportunity to speak with staff, volunteers and community members during its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Taylor presented Wehr Nature Center with a much deserved citation for its many years of outstanding work in conservation and nature education.





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## Sup. Taylor Questions County Exec. Chris Abele about the 2016 Budget



*Courtesy: Mike De Sisti/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

## Tentative Schedule Of Major Public Works Projects in the 9<sup>th</sup> District:

- 2015 - Whitnall Park Bridges over Root River
- 2016 - Hales Corners Park Pool and Roof Repairs
- 2016 - West St. Martins Road: North Cape Rd. to Lovers Lane Rd.
- 2016 - W. Rawson Ave. S. North Cape Rd. to S. Hawthorne Ln. (Mill and overlay)
- 2017 - W. Ryan Rd.: 95<sup>th</sup> St. to 112<sup>th</sup> St.
- 2018 - S. 13<sup>th</sup> St.: Rawson Ave. to Drexel Ave.
- 2019 - S. 13<sup>th</sup> St.: Drexel Ave. to Puetz Rd.

## Hales Corners Pool Update

During its April meeting, the County Board voted, 16-2, to allocate \$15,000 for the operation and maintenance of the wading pools at both Hales Corners and Wedgewood parks. A surplus in the Parks Dept. budget allowed for this allocation, which ensured that the wading pools stayed open for the 2015 summer season. This winter, both the pool building roof and the pool itself will be renovated. Construction on the pool building roof is scheduled to begin in November and should be completed by mid-May. Repairs to the pool itself will begin in March and are anticipated to be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup> – just in time for the 2016 summer pool season. During last year's budget deliberations, Supervisor Taylor sponsored a \$525,000 amendment that will ensure that the pool remains a destination for future generations of children – without a tax levy increase.

## War Memorial Rededication

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Taylor attended the War Memorial Rededication Ceremony at the War Memorial Center on Milwaukee's lakefront. The ceremony celebrated the new Veterans Courtyard, the result of the War Memorial Center's Operation Renew Campaign, which raised over \$800,000 in donations. The most notable upgrade to the Courtyard is an installation of a granite ring of honor that will honor Wisconsinites called into military service during conflicts since World War I. Other new features include educational outreach initiatives to students that are dedicated to enhancing patriotism and service, as well as a community lecture series and interactive cell phone tours of the facility.



*Supervisor Taylor, along with State Rep. Ken Skowronski, War Memorial Board Chairman Peter "Skip" Pochowski, Supervisors Alexander, Dimitrijevic, Weishan and former Supervisor Borkowski at the War Memorial Rededication.*